

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An electric deep frying appliance adapted for the heating of cooking oil comprising a bowl and heating assembly; said heating assembly including a heat distributor wherein said heat distributor is in the form of an annular dished member; a central aperture of said annular dished member adapted to allow passage therethrough of contaminants when said appliance is in use; said heating assembly further including a control pylon adapted to provide power and temperature control to said heat distributor.

2. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 1 wherein said bowl is formed of a substantially vertical wall part and a dished base part.

3. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 1 wherein said bowl is formed of mild steel.

4. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 1 wherein said bowl is formed of stainless steel.

5. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 1 wherein said bowl is formed of aluminium.

6. (Previously Presented) The appliance of Claim 1 wherein said bowl is supported in a suitable support structure.

7. (Currently Amended) The appliance of Claim [[1]] 2 wherein said dished base part is provided with a central depression, said central depression adapted to the accumulation of oil contaminants.

8. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 7 wherein said annular dished member extends substantially between the perimeter of said central depression and the internal surface of said wall part.

9. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 7 wherein said annular dished member is formed of pressure die-cast aluminium.

10. (Previously Presented) The appliance of Claim 7 wherein said annular dished member envelops a heat emitting tubular element.

11. (Previously Presented) The appliance of Claim 7 wherein said annular dished member is thermally connected to a heat emitting tubular element.

12. (Previously Presented) The appliance of Claim 7 wherein said annular dished member is provided with integrally cast support members projecting from the underside of said dished member so as to raise said dished member above the surface of said dished base part of said bowl.

13. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 10 wherein said heat emitting tubular element is in the form of a length of steel tube having an insulated heating coil spring along the axis of said tube; said coil spring connected to terminals at the outer ends of said length of steel tube.

14. (Previously Presented) The appliance of Claim 1 wherein said annular dished member is provided with an integrally die-cast raised pylon connector spigot.

15. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 14 wherein said terminals of said coil spring project upwardly in said connector spigot.

16. (Currently Amended) The appliance of Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 15 wherein said control pylon comprises a substantially vertical hollow tubular member sealably connected to said connector spigot at the lower end of said tubular member and to a control module at the upper end of said tubular member; said control pylon providing a conduit for power cables and a control rod extending from said control module to a thermostat and power connection module mounted within said lower end of said tubular member.

17. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 16 wherein said tubular member is of a length sufficient to position said control module above the rim of said bowl when said annular dished member of said heat distributor is resting with said support members on said dished base part of said bowl.

18. (Previously Presented) The appliance of Claim 16 wherein said thermostat and power connection module is adapted to mount to said connector spigot within said tubular member.

19. (Previously Presented) The appliance of Claim 16 wherein said thermostat and power connection module includes an adjustable thermostat mechanism, said mechanism provided with a vertically projecting thermostat adjustment shaft.

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20. (Previously Presented) The appliance of Claim 16 wherein said thermostat and power connection module includes connector means adapted to provide electrical connection with said terminals of said heating coil spring when said thermostat and power connection module is located on said connector spigot.

Claims 21-73 cancelled